other medical institution, if the evidence indicates that you were separated solely for medical reasons and you otherwise would have resided together; or

(d) It was based on other circumstances, and it is shown that you and the insured reasonably could have expected to live together in the near future.

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§ 404.348 When a child living with you is "in your care".

To become entitled to wife's benefits before you become 62 years old or to mother's or father's benefits, you must have the insured's child *in your care*. A child who has been living with you for at least 30 days is in your care unless—

- (a) The child is in active military service;
- (b) The child is 16 years old or older and not disabled;
- (c) The child is 16 years old or older with a mental disability, but you do not actively supervise his or her activities and you do not make important decisions about his or her needs, either alone or with help from your spouse; or
- (d) The child is 16 years old or older with a physical disability, but it is not necessary for you to perform personal services for him or her. Personal services are services such as dressing, feeding, and managing money that the child cannot do alone because of a disability.

[44 FR 34481, June 15, 1979, as amended at 48 FR 21927, May 16, 1983]

§404.349 When a child living apart from you is "in your care".

- (a) In your care. A child living apart from you is in your care if—
- (1) The child lived apart from you for not more than 6 months, or the child's current absence from you is not expected to last over 6 months;
- (2) The child is under 16 years old, you supervise his or her activities and make important decisions about his or her needs, and one of the following circumstances exist:
- (i) The child is living apart because of school but spends at least 30 days vacation with you each year unless some event makes having the vacation unreasonable; and if you and the child's

other parent are separated, the school looks to you for decisions about the child's welfare;

- (ii) The child is living apart because of your employment but you make regular and substantial contributions to his or her support; see § 404.366(a) for a definition of *contributions for support*;
- (iii) The child is living apart because of a physical disability that the child has or that you have; or
- (3) The child is 16 years old or older, is mentally disabled, and you supervise his or her activities, make important decisions about his or her needs, and help in his or her upbringing and development.
- (b) Not in your care. A child living apart from you is not in your care if—
- (1) The child is in active military service;
- (2) The child is living with his or her other parent;
- (3) The child is removed from your custody and control by a court order;
- (4) The child is 16 years old or older, is mentally competent, and either has been living apart from you for 6 months or more or begins living apart from you and is expected to be away for more than 6 months;
- (5) You gave your right to have custody and control of the child to someone else; or
 - (6) You are mentally disabled.

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CHILD'S BENEFITS

§ 404.350 Who is entitled to child's benefits.

- (a) *General.* You are entitled to child's benefits on the earnings record of an insured person who is entitled to old-age or disability benefits or who has died if—
- (1) You are the insured person's child, based upon a relationship described in §§ 404.355 through 404.359;
- (2) You are dependent on the insured, as defined in §§ 404.360 through 404.365;
 - (3) You apply:
 - (4) You are unmarried; and
- (5) You are under age 18; you are 18 years old or older and have a disability that began before you became 22 years old; or you are 18 years or older and